TO DIVORCE THEIR WIVES

The Japanese Soldiers Are Encouraged by the Government to Do So.

WOMEN SMILE AND SUBMIT

Her Happiness Considered Noth ing-Rich and Poor Patriotic.

(By Edward T. Hayden.)

TOKIO, March 5 .- Even before all her forces have been put in the field and her plan of campaign fully developed, Japan is beginning to find out that war is hell. It is less than a month since the first attack on the Russians at Port Arthur, and yet only the charitableness of the moneyed class is keeping thousands of soldlers' families from actual starvation and body and soul together in other reg iments of the poor.

Hostilities have practically wrecked all industries except those dependent on conflict. Manufactories have sout down by the hundred; scores of business houses in every city and town in Nippon have closed, and hundreds have reduced their working forces; while shipping, building and kindred branches of work are absolutely stagmant. As a result, the income of thousands of workers has been cut off, for the carpenter and the lacquer painter and the bottle blower, who have taken to pulling rickshaws, have found that the public walks nowadays. No one is induiging in any form of luxuy, and the well to do are cutting down their comforts, even dismissing servants who have been in the family for years. The number of servants dismissed by private families in this city alone, to say nothing of the clubs, hotels and restaurants, would make several regiments. The Jill Shimpo, Toklo's leading and most conservative paper, estimates that while heretofore the percentage of dependants in the city was three, it is now over twelve and fast increasing.

To make the situation worse, the price of every necessity has bounded skyward and is steadily soaring. Rice has gone up twenty per cent., vegetables eight per taken to pulling rickshaws, have found

and is steadily souring. Rice has gone up twenty per cent, vegetables eight percent, dry goods five per cent, and the cost of meat makes it prohibitive except to the very well to do indeed. Foodstuffs come in slowly and in limited quantities from the interior, owing to the government's monopolization of the railroads for military purposes; and even in the for military purposes; and even in the interior, the last part of a country to be interior, the last part or a country to be affected by war, prices are up ten per cent., so great is the demand of the government for commissary supplies for the army. For this reason no one looks for prices to fall when the railroads are again in a position to carry commerce freely.

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There is use for all the money that will be contributed.

Mayeda Sawajuro was a lacquer painter before he was called into the army. He employed two assistants and a messenger boy. His income was 50 yen a month, and with this he supported an aged father and mother, a brother of seventeen years and three younger brothers. Immediately the war began, the business was closed, all income ceased, the family servants were dismissed and the old futher had to take to pulling a rickshaw, and the oldest brother to sewing handkerchiefs. The other brothers tried for work, but could get none, and no-hody rode in the old man's rickshaw, for overybody walks in order to economize. In a week the family income went from 12 yen to a few sen a week, scarcely

cverybody walks in order to economize. In a week the family income went from 12 yen to a few sen a week, scarcely enough to buy medicines for the invalid and crippled mother.

Mochidzuki Işaburo, a carpenter, made ik yen a month and supported comfortably an aged mother, a wife, two children and his wife's sister. One of the children has been seriously ill since last July. When Isaburo went to war, the woman tried to get work, but without success—no one wanted servants, the factories were discharging instead of engaging, Isaburo had no relatives to whom he could intrust the care of his family, and so to-day its members are dependent solely on charity. But before food was taken to them they were much emaclated from hunger.

These are two cases out of thousands of similar ones; so is that of Okano Hidgiro, which, to say the lenst, seems peculiar to foreigners, but is truly Japannese.

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Hidegiro had a position in the Yoko-huma postoffice that brought him 13 yen a month. When he received his war sum-mons he was supporting a deaf mother mons he was supporting a deaf mother and a bride. He asked his father-in-law to look after the two women, but he had lost his position owing to hostiltiles, and did not have enough on hand to keep his own family in food for a month. There was only one thing for Hidegire to do, and he did it. He sold his household goods, took the proceeds and his mother to an intimate friend, and asked the latter to look after the mother with the money realized from the sale. Then Hidegire divorced his bride,
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It will now be easy for you to marry again, he told her when he hadded letthe divorce, "and perhaps you can get a
new husband who will take care of you.
Anyway, you can go out and look for
work; and then if you were still my
wife, thoughts of you might keep me



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The "Marvel," in black, white and

Two pearl clasps, white, glace kid, Point de Paris stitching in \$1.00 The "Royal" two-clasp Glace Gloves, in mastic, pearl, gray and \$1.00 white, at, pair all colors, Mansbach's famous washable Glace Kid Gloves, \$1.75

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They are here as you never saw them before. The quantity is larger, the variety greater and the prices considerably lower. We doubt if values their equal have ever been brought to your

\$7.48 for \$10 All-Silk Taffeta Fettleoats, with 11-inch ruffle; also extra widths.

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Ladies' Lisle Ribbed Knee Pants, extra wide. with torchon and Point de Paris lace, at, pair, 25c., 75c.

Ladies' Lisie Ribbed Corset 25c

Ladies' Knee Length Low Neck Liste Ribbed Union Suits, lace trimmed, at 60c., 75c. and 98c Ladies' Lisie Ribbed High Nock and Long Sleeve Vests, slik trimmed, at 25c. and 50c

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The new ideas are being received in great numbers; every day adds to the wonderful varieties now being displayed; the semi-fitting and loose effects prevail in Coats of all lengths, while shirrings, braids and plaitings form the principal motifs in all the trimmings. The demand indicates that this is to be an exceptionally popular Coat season. Prices range from \$3.48

Women's Silk Coats.

The New Pongee Coats.

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Crepe de Chine Skirts, taffeta drop skirts; shirred and lace \$40.00 trimmed, \$25.00 to Imported Volle Skirts, tucked and trimmed with wood fibre \$22.50

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The New Wash Fabrics in Scores Of Different Weaves and Designs.

Cottons are to have a better season than ever before. The new weaves are many of them closely copied from the woollens and will be made up and worn in much the same way. All the artistic skill of the Frenchman and the adaptive ingenuity of the Yankee are shown in these productions. We give here a few of the moderately priced ones:

Zic. Mercerized Silk 1673c 16 2-36. Mercerized Silk 121/2C Zephyr Ginghams for Woven Striped English Plaids, 32 inches wide, for, 121/2c 13% Solid Color Chambray, 10c in blue, red and gray, for.... 25c. Figured Sateens, in beautiful patterns, for ...

25c. Linen Madras, 82 inches 15c 16 2-3c. Barnette Sulting. 121/2c

121c. Corded Madras, 36 734C 1214c. Satin Surah; this is another extra special for Easter, 81/3c

from doing my duty on the battlefield. I want to die in battle, but 1 don't want to leave a bereaved widow behind." EMEL JAY'S NEW YORK LETTER The wife commended her husband's "generous, though ful, patriotic, attitude," took her divorce, went her way, and, luckily for herself, found employment as a service, in a tiple merchant.

Mrs. Roger A. Pryor at Home-The Writer a Virginia Aristocrat-Twenty Cents vs. Honor-Wall Street and Hoodooism-Notes About Notables.

fered the same treatment at the hands their husbands since the war began. T government, in the emergency of host.li-tles with a foreign power, grants such divorces on the husband's application, and, in fact, tacitly encourages them by making it even easier for a soldier to ern women who have made a name for the final hand-pressure at parting. themselves in this great city is Mrs. secure separation from his newly taken Pryor, who as author of the mate than for an American woman to get a decree from the Dakota courts, d.lightful story of "The Mother of Washington and Her Times," and as mis-Inva lably, the brides are consoled with tress of one of the charming homes of some such speech as that which Hidegiro New York, is a person of distinction, aside some such speech as that which Hidegiro made to his; and judging from the smile upon their lips as they listen they either do not need consolation, or else they are already thinking of the new husband they are advised to take, or else—like wofrom the fact that she is the wife of Judge Pryor, formerly of the Supreme

Judge and Mrs. Pryor have had a life smile to keep back their tenrs and to rich in experience. They came to New send the men off with brave hearts to York immediately after the war "utterly penniless," to use Mrs. Pryor's own Japan is not going to come out of the war without a scandal or two. Already the soldiery is aroused over the actions of some of the army contractors, and the nation is indignantly crying out against them. The government admits there is just cause for complaint and is taking steps to punish the gulity parties.

It seems that even while the soldiers were quartered in Toklo, in barracks around the palace and billeted on the town, the food contractors began supplying them with an inferior grade of rice and vegetables, while the contracts called for a much better quality of food. As the Jap soldier's daily ration is three pounds of rice, and vegetables and fish to the amount of 6 sen, 7 rin (about 4 cents), with bree once in three days, if it can be got, he was immediately nord thit, and the cry that arose would have done credit to the disgruntled State militiaman who makes a point every encampment of raising a howl over the food supplied him.

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You no doubt have read of the death of Japan's Ensign Bagley-Lieutenant Kijimura Fumio-befors Port Arthur Cring the first attack on the stronghold. The death of Lieutenant Yamanaka Kan, commander of the cannon on the battleship Fuji, was little less herole.

He, too, was killed during the first attack. As he fell aying to the deck with a builet through his breast, he whispered:

NEW YORK, April 2.-Among South- able, from the welcoming cup of tea to Twenty Cents Versus Honor.

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In a Harlem Pelice Court recently an employe of the United Cigar Stores Company was charged with stealing twenty cents. The man had fallen under suspicion of petty, thievers, and a special detective of the company fastened the proof of guilt upon him. The detective walked in as a customer, and made purchase, paying therefor with two marked dimes. Afterwards those dimes were not to be found in the cash register. And now the detective makes the astonishing statement that within one year he has secured 220 arrests and convictions for petty thefts from the company.

This cigar concern, as is well known, has a large number of branch stores, all doing a retail business, and it must keep a shurp lookout after its interests. The result of that sharp lookout is often a sad commentary on the lack of respect

sad commentary on the lack of respect sad commentary on the lack of respect for the boundary between meum and tuum so sacred to upright souls, when a temp-tation of ten or twenty conts will cause a, fall from honor. And yet instances of this thing multiply.

Some time ago the superintendent of a large navy tobacce factory was told by the owner that the actual output of goods did not correspond with the theoretical output, the shortage being some two thousand pounds a day. On investigation it was found that the discrepancy must be due to stealage by the employes. Notice was given that on and after a certain date all employes would be scarched as they left the factory. To the gratification of everybody concerned, no employe was found with tobacco on his person or in his dinner pail. But equality to the gratification of the factory owners, the missing output of 2,000 pounds a day was found to be no longer missing. Some time ago the superintendent of

ed recently offered \$100,000 down for the ten years' lease of a candy store ellgibly situated at the foot of an elovated railroad station at Cortiandt Street. The candy man declined the offer, by the way, saying that his shop paid him \$30,000 a year, and was growing more profitable every twelve months. Verily, candy and tobacco must be twin money-makers, and twin favorites for human kind.

No Thirteen in Wall Street?

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The great office building recently completed at 42 Broadway gives the latest evidences of the gambling instincts and sup restitions of Wall Street. That building will look to Stock Exchange brokers for its tenants, and accordingly has no thirteenth floor and no room "No. 13" in all its length and breadth and height. This is the third of the new down-town skyscrapers which has barred out the hoodoo number. After a while the powerful Stock Exchange may even see fit to abolish the thirteenth day of each month. More than one broker on that pulssant board would be willing to have every such day made a legal holiday and the Exclange closed.

The baker's dozen is not popular in Wall Street in domicile or date or due bill. Let the lambs have all the bad luck; the shearers want none of it!

Notes About Notables.

Lovers of Charles Dickens are inter Lovers of Charles Dickens are interested in the complete set of his works ordered by J. Plerpont Morgan—130 volumes at \$1,000 a volume. The books which it will take eight years to finish, will be printed on mre purchment, and illuminated by French and Italian artists. And yet it is sometimes said that Dickens enthusiasm is dying out!

a woman of waith who is mistress of a swell establishment in Fifth Avenue, tells in casual talk an interesting story of hor Japaness butter, "One morning," she said. "he came to me hearing my largets silver tray, on which lay a note, and bowing very low he presented it without a word. I opened the note, and to my surprise found that it was from himself and read: 'My heart is almost bursting because of my country's war, and I would have your gracious permission to go to our consul and see if I, too, may not shed my heart's blood for Japan.
"I was really touched," continued the

and a thousand dollars a day was added to the profits of the concern.

Despite these small vexations in the way of stealings, big tobacco concerns seem to thrive pretty well, as may be evidenc d in the many millionalres whose fortunes are the growth of the weed. Then it is said on good authority that the Cigar Stores Company already mentioned recently offered \$100,000 down for the ten years' lease of a candy store cligibly

roads into cuisine.

The lucrative business now falls into the hands of Miss Delmonico's nephews and nieces, the Crists, who have adopted the more sonorous and celebrated cognomen of Delmonico.

EGG-LAYING CONTEST. White Wyandottes Lead in Test of Thirteen Weeks.

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There has been covoluded at the Butts poiltry farm, Ashover, Chesterfield, Ireland, the greatest annual laying competition of the Utility Poultry Club. The season commenced on Oct. 12, 1903, and fin.shed on Jan. 1, 1804. Each pon contained four 19.3 pullets, while the total egg yields and points for the season, were as follows:

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5-white Wyandottes. 218 435
28-Buff Orpingtons 218 435
28-Buff Orpingtons 118 380
7-Black Orpingtons 170 37
29-Huff Orpingtons 188 380
11-White Wyandottes 189 331
11-White Wyandottes 189 331
11-White Wyandottes 189 331
11-White Wyandottes 189 331
2-White Wyandottes 181 211
2-White Leghorns 181 223

22-White Leghorns
14-Buff Orpingtons
10-Buff Plymouth Rooks
12-Buff Orpingtons
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15-White Wyandottes
13-White Wyandottes

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place of business, I wish to state for the
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